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Gonzales Poll –Infrastructure Investments

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Background and Methodology

Patrick E. Gonzales graduated magna cum laude from the University of Baltimore with a degree in political science.

His career in the field of public opinion research began in the mid-1980s as an analyst with *Mason-Dixon Opinion Research*. During this time, Mr. Gonzales helped develop, craft and implement election surveys and exit polls for television and radio in the Baltimore-Washington D.C. metro area.

Mr. Gonzales has polled and analyzed well over a thousand elections in Maryland and across the country since that time. Furthermore, he and his associates have conducted numerous market research projects, crafting message development plans and generating strategy blueprints for businesses and organizations throughout the state.

Over his 35 years conducting public opinion polls, Patrick Gonzales has been widely recognized by his peers for his ability to conduct unbiased surveys, and analyze the results in an impartial, evenhanded manner.

Mr. Gonzales appears frequently on radio and television in the Baltimore-D.C. region as a guest commentator.

These polls were conducted by *Gonzales Research & Media Services* from December 12th through December 20th, 2023. A total of 307 registered voters in Maryland who vote regularly, and a total of 312 registered voters in Legislative District 29 who vote regularly, were queried by live telephone interviews, utilizing both landline and cell phone numbers.

The margin of error (MOE) for both polls, per accepted statistical standards, is a range of plus or minus 5.7 percentage points. If the entire population was surveyed, there is a 95% probability that the true numbers would fall within this range.

Appendix A: Results and Charts

QUESTION: Climate Change – Level of Concern *Scientists say climate change is getting worse due to fossil fuel use. Flooding, storms, and wildfires are more severe, and in Maryland heatwaves and extreme rain events are more damaging.*

How concerned are you personally about climate change: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

CLIMATE CHANGE - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Very concerned	149	48.5 %
Somewhat concerned	71	23.1 %
Not Too concerned	20	6.5 %
Not At All concerned	63	20.5 %
No answer	4	1.3 %
Total	307	100.0 %

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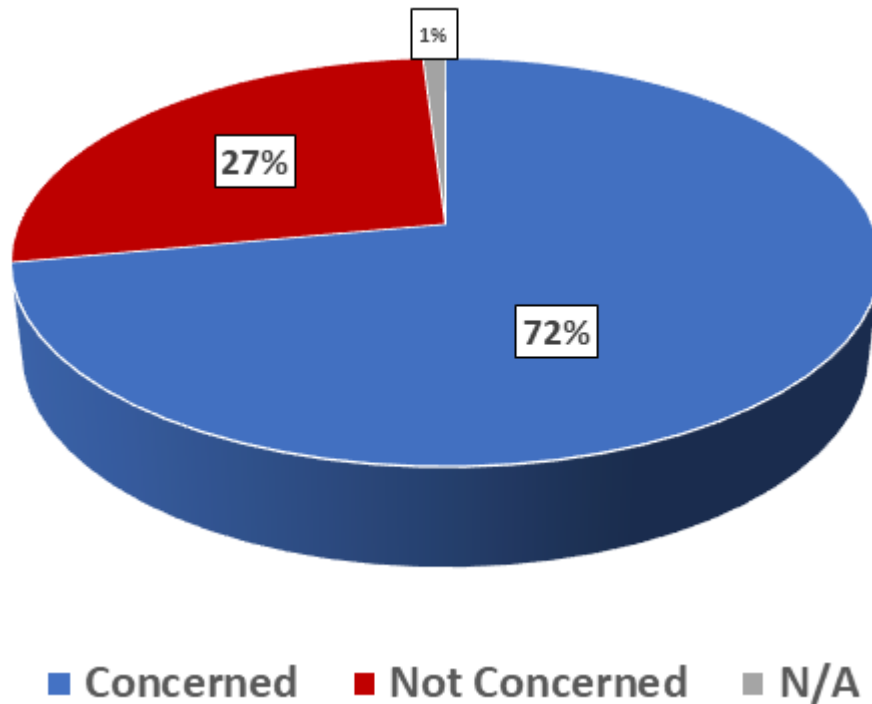
By Party

N=307	CLIMATE CHANGE - INTENSITY				
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not Too concerned	Not At All concerned	No answer
PARTY REGISTRATION					
Democrat	121 70.8%	31 18.1%	8 4.7%	10 5.8%	1 0.6%
Republican	12 14.8%	20 24.7%	9 11.1%	38 46.9%	2 2.5%
Independent/ Other	16 29.1%	20 36.4%	3 5.5%	15 27.3%	1 1.8%

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QUESTION: Climate Change – Financially Impacted *A recent study from the federal government shows that climate change is costing the United States 150 billion dollars a year.*

Would you agree or disagree that you have been financially impacted in the last three years by climate change in Maryland?

FINANCIALLY IMPACTED	Number	Percent
Agree	148	48.2 %
Disagree	126	41.0 %
No answer	33	10.7 %
Total	307	100.0 %

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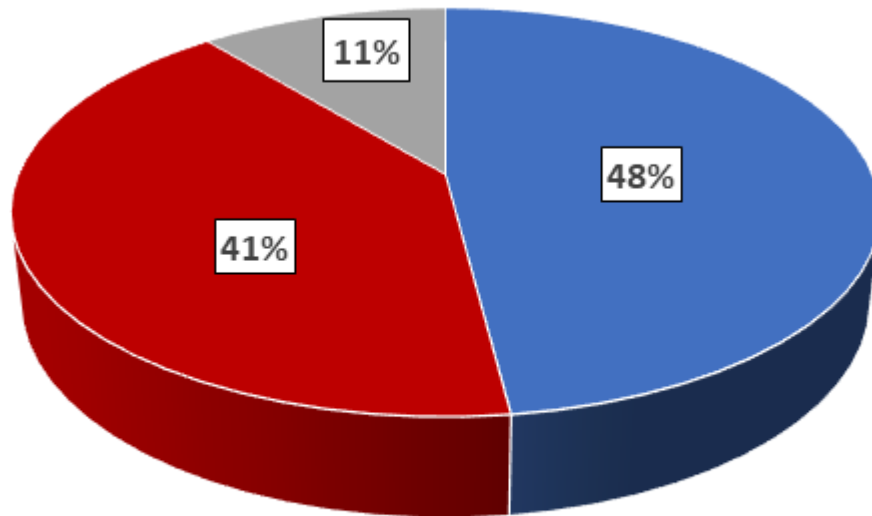
By Party

N=307	FINANCIALLY IMPACTED		
	Agree	Disagree	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Agree	Disagree	No answer
Democrat	111 64.9%	42 24.6%	18 10.5%
Republican	16 19.8%	60 74.1%	5 6.2%
Independent/ Other	21 38.2%	24 43.6%	10 18.2%

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QUESTION: Overall Infrastructure Bill Proposal *Some state lawmakers in Maryland have proposed a bill to make Maryland's roads, bridges, electrical grid, and other infrastructure more able to withstand the impacts of climate change and ensure the big oil and gas companies pay a share of the costs.*

Would you support or oppose this bill?

WITHSTAND IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE	Number	Percent
Support	210	68.4 %
Oppose	88	28.7 %
No answer	9	2.9 %
Total	307	100.0 %
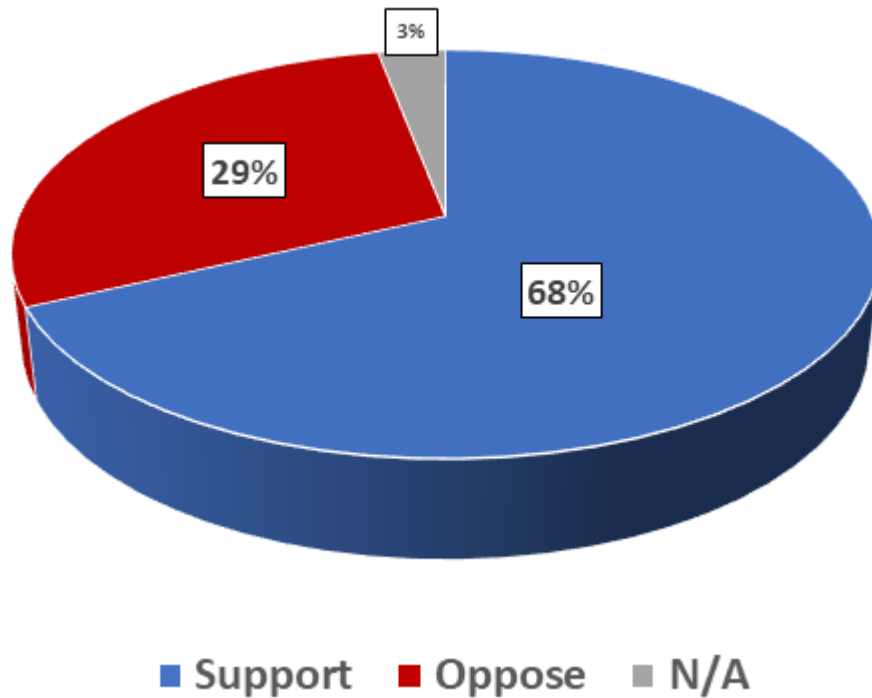
By Party

N=307	WITHSTAND IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
PARTY REGISTRATION			
Democrat	141	24	6
	82.5%	14.0%	3.5%
Republican	35	45	1
	43.2%	55.6%	1.2%
Independent/	34	19	2
Other	61.8%	34.5%	3.6%

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QUESTION: Infrastructure Bill – Impact on Opinion of Lawmaker *If a lawmaker were to support a bill to make Maryland's infrastructure better able to withstand the impacts of climate change and ensure the big oil and gas companies pay a share of the costs, would this enhance your opinion of that lawmaker, diminish your opinion of that lawmaker, or would it have no impact on your opinion?*

LAWMAKER BILL: INFRASTRUCTURE	Number	Percent
Enhance opinion	169	55.0 %
Diminish opinion	65	21.2 %
No impact	73	23.8 %
Total	307	100.0 %

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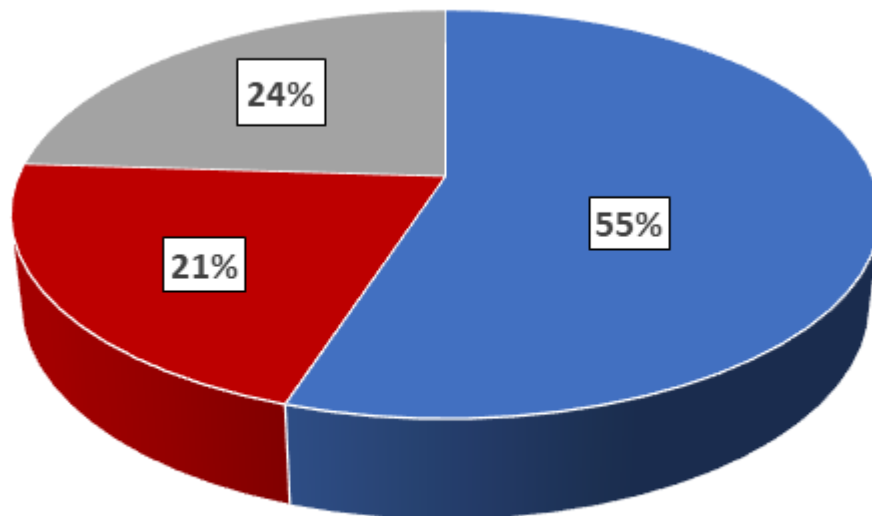
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N=307	LAWMAKER BILL: INFRASTRUCTURE		
	Enhance opinion	Diminish opinion	No impact

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Enhance opinion	Diminish opinion	No impact
Democrat	125 73.1%	12 7.0%	34 19.9%
Republican	17 21.0%	37 45.7%	27 33.3%
Independent/ Other	27 49.1%	16 29.1%	12 21.8%

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Legislative District 29: Infrastructure Bill – Impact on Opinion *If a lawmaker were to support a bill to make Maryland's infrastructure better able to withstand the impacts of climate change and ensure the big oil and gas companies pay a share of the costs, would this enhance your opinion of that lawmaker, diminish your opinion of that lawmaker, or would it have no impact on your opinion?*

LAWMAKER BILL: INFRASTRUCTURE	Number	Percent
Enhance opinion	143	45.8 %
Diminish opinion	73	23.4 %
No impact	96	30.8 %
Total	312	100.0 %

Legislative District 29

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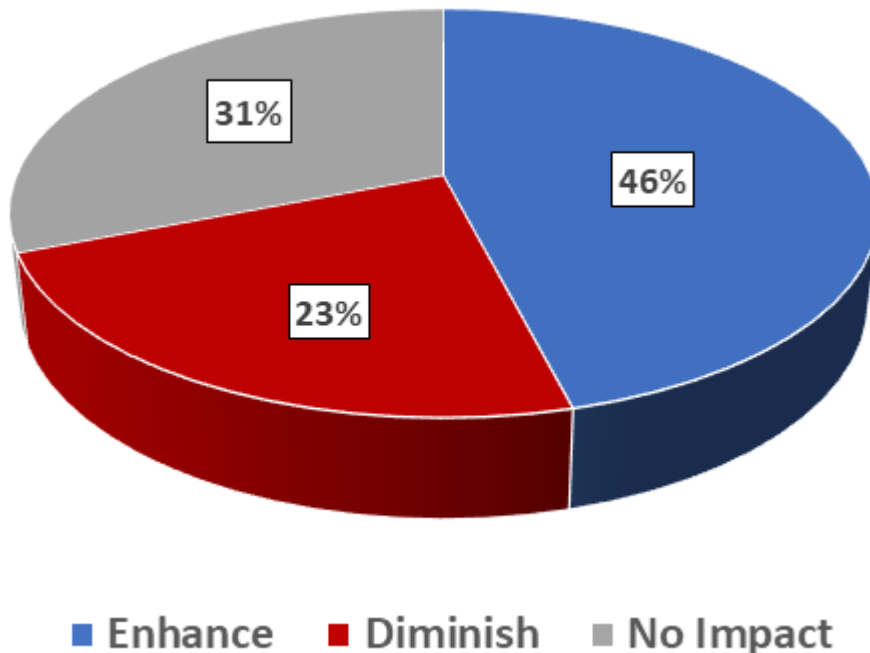
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N=312	LAWMAKER BILL: INFRASTRUCTURE		
	Enhance opinion	Diminish opinion	No impact

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Enhance opinion	Diminish opinion	No impact
Democrat	90 79.6%	5 4.4%	18 15.9%
Republican	24 17.5%	57 41.6%	56 40.9%
Independent/ Other	29 46.8%	11 17.7%	22 35.5%

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Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

RESULTS	Number	Percent
Statewide	307	100.0 %
Total	307	100.0 %

PARTY REGISTRATION	Number	Percent
Democrat	171	55.7 %
Republican	81	26.4 %
Independent/Other	55	17.9 %
Total	307	100.0 %

RACE/ETHNICITY	Number	Percent
White	173	56.4 %
African American	94	30.6 %
Other/No answer	40	13.0 %
Total	307	100.0 %

GENDER	Number	Percent
Female	160	52.1 %
Male	147	47.9 %
Total	307	100.0 %

AGE	Number	Percent
18 to 34	56	18.2 %
35 to 49	71	23.1 %
50 to 64	87	28.3 %
65 and older	93	30.3 %
Total	307	100.0 %

REGION	Number	Percent
Baltimore Metro	132	43.0 %
Washington Metro	105	34.2 %
Rural Maryland	70	22.8 %
Total	307	100.0 %

Regional Groupings

Metro Baltimore – includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Howard counties, and Baltimore City.

Metro Washington – includes Charles, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties.

Rural Maryland – includes Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

Appendix C: District 29 Poll Sample Demographics

RESULTS	Number	Percent
Districtwide	312	100.0 %
Total	312	100.0 %

PARTY REGISTRATION	Number	Percent
Democrat	113	36.2 %
Republican	137	43.9 %
Independent/Other	62	19.9 %
Total	312	100.0 %

RACE/ETHNICITY	Number	Percent
White	232	74.4 %
African American	48	15.4 %
Other/No answer	32	10.3 %
Total	312	100.0 %

GENDER	Number	Percent
Female	159	51.0 %
Male	153	49.0 %
Total	312	100.0 %

AGE	Number	Percent
18 to 34	55	17.6 %
35 to 49	70	22.4 %
50 to 64	95	30.4 %
65 and older	92	29.5 %
Total	312	100.0 %

REGION	Number	Percent
Sub-District 29A	113	36.2 %
Sub-District 29B	87	27.9 %
Sub-District 29C	112	35.9 %
Total	312	100.0 %

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